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The Long Hill Chamber of Commerce plans to hold the 20th Annual Stirling Street Fair on Sunday, April 24, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Main Avenue in Stirling.

Long Hill merchants who want to participate should visit jcpromotions.info and navigate Events > Street Fairs > Stirling to find the registration form.

The Street Fair will feature shopping, food, all-day entertainment, kids' rides, local vendors and organizations and a chance to see fire and first aid equipment up-close.

Main Avenue residents should move their cars to a side street before 7 a.m. Churchgoers should allow extra time for detours around downtown Stirling.

The Long Hill Chamber of Commerce is an organization dedicated to supporting and promoting the local businesses in our community. Through regular meetings and networking events, members share ideas and concerns unique to Long Hill Township, which includes Millington, Stirling, Gillette and Meyersville. Visit longhillchamber.com for more information.



(above) The 20th Annual Stirling Street Fair will be held on Sunday, April 24, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Main Avenue in Stirling.

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TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALE IN LONG HILL MAY 7

The Stirling Elks Lodge 2392 is hosting a town-wide garage sale in Long Hill on Saturday, May 7, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine. Bargain hunters can start the day with a list of Long Hill vendors and their addresses to track down great stuff at low prices.

Long Hill residents who have items to sell, must pay a table fee of \$25 to be included on the list of vendors.

Checks can be made payable to Stirling Elks

and sent to Sterling Elks Lodge c/o Kelly Mazzocchi, 1138 Valley Road, Stirling, NJ 07980. Include your name, address, phone number, and email address.

To pay by credit card and to get more details go to link.waveapps.com/ce78wc-x7jx8a. You can sign in with Google or Yahoo, but then must create a Wave account.

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FLEA MARKET – APRIL 23

The Gillette Community Chapel will be having a flea market at the church on April 23, 2022, 9am -3pm. The event will be held indoors and there are 2 floors of collections of household items, toys, games and puzzles, electronics, small furniture, decorations, clothing and much

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A CRAFTY EVENING FOR LONG HILL GIRL SCOUTS



(above) In keeping with the Girl Scout spirit of giving back, participants at the Long Hill Girl Scouts SWAPfest brought non-perishable food items for the Twelve Baskets Food Pantry.

Submitted by Margaret Keegan
Long Hill Girl Scouts had over 100 participants at their annual SWAPfest. Making SWAPS - Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere—provides an evening of creativity, fun, and friendship. Thirteen Girl Scout troops ranging from Daisies to Seniors hosted a SWAP craft table. Troop leaders and older scouts were on hand to guide all the participants as they moved from table to

table creating unique and fun SWAPS. These SWAPS will be exchanged at future Girl Scout events, serving as both icebreakers and tokens of friendship.
In the Girl Scout spirit of giving back, participants brought non-perishable food items to the SWAP, resulting in a considerable donation to our local Twelve Baskets Food Pantry.
Special thanks to Millington School for providing the ideal space for this popular event.



(above) Millington School provides the perfect space for 100 Long Hill Girl Scouts of a variety of ages to create SWAPS—Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere.

Photos by Long Hill Girl Scouts



(above) Creativity, fun, and friendship are the hallmarks of the annual Long Hill Girl Scouts SWAPfest, held recently at Millington School.



(above) Brownies concentrate on making the best “whatchamacallits” at the recent Long Hill Girl Scouts SWAPfest.



(above) Daisies enjoy getting crafty at the recent SWAPfest, a popular annual Girl Scout event.

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"Morris County's Miners" is an archival digital collection that delves into Morris County's mining history—and it is a work in progress. Although history has recorded the names of the mining barons, the names, faces, and stories of the miners have been largely forgotten. Therefore, historians under the auspices of Morris County's Office of Planning & Preservation (MCOPP) are seeking to uncover vintage photos, facts, and stories to add to this collection.

"Our invitations to the public to assist us in compiling historical information for other projects has worked well, and we would love more information on the miners. The prize for us would be photographs," said Jan Williams, a Cultural and Historic Resources Specialist for the MCOPP.

Morris County has a deep history of mining still visible today, from the names of locations such as Mine Hill Township and Richard Mine

Road, to the pits and sinkholes marking the landscape to the remnants of historic mills that processed the bounty, including the Boonton Ironworks.

Morris County historians have gathered many names from census data in Morris County, and in some cases, for example, the 1880 Census for Teabo Mine in Rockaway Township even made a distinction between an individual who works in mine and a miner. Morris County has included them all in "Morris County's Miners."

"Also included are those who made their living in service to miners: shopkeepers, physicians and contractors," Williams added.

To view "Morris County's Miners" go to morriscountynj.gov and put Morris County's Miners in the search box.

To contribute vintage photos or stories about miners from the 1700s or those who followed to work the mines, mills, and supportive industries into the 20th Century, contact Jan Williams at jwilliams@co.morris.nj.us.



(above) The Boonton Iron Works c. 1880. Historians invite the public to contribute historic photos to the online exhibit "Morris County's Miners."



(above) After her husband was killed in a mining accident, Mrs. Bridget Lockman Smith began renting out her double house in Mine Hill to boarders. Registered on both the NJ and National Registers of Historic Places, this house is the sole remaining Morris County example of an 1800s miner dwelling.

SUMMER JOBS – APPLICANTS SOUGHT

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(above) Miners at the Teabo Mine in Rockaway Township, c. 1880. The public is invited to contribute vintage photos and other information to the "Morris County's Miners" collection.

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The Workshop started out years ago as a place for older men who no longer had access to a home workbench. Since 2007, several women have joined the historically male enclave. Most of the volunteers are former professionals including investment bankers, college professors, physicians and scientists. Many have never worked with their hands and over the years, they've taught each other caning, rushing and a myriad of other techniques needed to fix the aging furniture brought to them for restoration.

Prim La Capra of Short Hills recently patronized the workshop. She had a table restored that had suffered from years of use and weathering. "I am so grateful to the volunteers who refinished my little table to its original beauty. My late husband bought this well-crafted table from Bloomingdales' NYC store decades ago and it became a special place to store important documents, memorabilia, pictures, and other things we wanted to keep in our library." Said Prim. "It got water damage on top and sun damage on the sides over the years. The volunteers at Sage Elder Care completely restored it at a reasonable cost. I love how the piece turned out and plan to keep it for many more years. Thank you to the volunteers who contributed their skills, time, and talent to this project. It was a pleasure to work with Bob, the shop manager and visit the workshop."

The Workshop is located in the basement of the SAGE building at 290 Broad Street, Summit and is easily assessable. Shop hours are Mondays

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For more information about the service or to schedule an appointment to bring in furniture, call 908-598-5531.

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(above) Volunteer Mark Goldsmith of North Caldwell.

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EARTH DAY RAHWAY RIVER CLEAN-UP - APRIL 23



All volunteers are invited to celebrate Earth Day 2022 with Boy Scout Troop 330, Cub Scout Pack 30 and members of the Rahway River Watershed Association in a clean-up of the Rahway River on Saturday, April 23rd (with a rain date of Sunday, April 24th). The clean-up will focus on areas upstream and downstream of the dam at Winfield Park, New Jersey throughout Rahway River Park. Please plan to stop by the parking area adjacent to the waterfall of the Rahway River by the dam at Winfield Park at 8:45 a.m. to register, pick up bags, gloves, bottled water and snacks, and receive safety information.

Teams will be encouraged to travel to any part of the river within the park where they would like to perform cleanup activities but we specifically will ask folks to always work in small groups for safety purposes with folks socially distanced.

Cleaning up a river and park area is a great way to celebrate Earth Day and if you haven't participated in an event like this before, you will find it invigorating, and you will feel good about what you have accomplished. It is also fun and educational, especially for scouts and young adults as they always find something interesting. Over the 20+ years this cleanup has occurred thousands of folks have participated, including girl scouts, cub scouts, boy scouts, fishermen, local activists and citizens, and we pulled some amazing things from the river.

The clean-up will generally be between 9a.m. till noon, but any amount of time or effort that folks can volunteer is appreciated. There is always a large volume of floatable debris to pick up, and this year there remains substantial debris in the floodplain from Hurricane Ida last fall. The

team working registration will provide suggestions on areas with large volumes of floatable debris.

All participants should wear jeans, long-sleeved shirts, gloves and boots, waders are welcome for folks who like to get a little wet. Each participant should bring a standard 5-gallon carry bucket with a handle (put your name on the bottom), this makes for easy carrying of "stuff" for transfer to the large garbage bags. A mulching rake is also a great asset to have to enable reaching out and pulling debris into shore from the river bank. When we complete the event we do a basic inventory of the "big stuff" that we removed, and within approximately 24 hours Union County Parks removes and disposes of all the trash. There is no RSVP required but if you need more information or think you will attend please let us know by e-mail at rivercleanup@comcast.net.

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IN 2020 HEADLINES READ:

1. "HIGHEST CARBON DIOXIDE RATE EVER RECORDED IN HUMAN HISTORY"
2. "2020 SETS ANOTHER GLOBAL TEMPERATURE RECORD."

Did you know? Science says that "the most important thing we can do GLOBALLY to curb this PHENOMENON is to Save our OLD Trees."

You don't have to believe in Climate Change or Global Warming to know this is a bad thing. Increasing Carbon Dioxide levels decrease the amount of oxygen in the air. This along with other pollutants in the air, has not only been linked to climate change and Global Warming, but an array of diseases as well: Cancer, Diabetes, Premature births,... Autism, the list goes on and on.

These problems and the severity are dramatically worse in poorer areas with more industry, diesel fumes and NO TREES. (please see "Earth Day turns 50" in the Star Ledger, it touches on what are children and their children are facing. One of the things they speak of are the "Large bodies of polluted water" we are leaving behind.

Despite these facts and my efforts: dozens of these trees, our "Oldest Residents", are killed in our local neighborhoods each year. Among the many losses: Shade, Solace the Filtering of our Air and Water, the oxygen they provided, ...they also release the Carbon they have accumulated for hundreds of years.

On June 8th, 2021, I hired a tree expert to help

save some of the trees in our area. I showed him dozens of trees in Westfield, New Providence, Summit and Scotch Plains. He used the word "disgusting" to describe what he saw. In his report he writes "that many of these trees can be saved if prompt action is taken".

HOW CAN YOU HELP SAVE THESE TREES?

Please visit our site and read all the facts defendourtrees.com See the:

- 1) "Pictorial of trees that can be saved". These are just a few of the many OLD trees being destroyed and dying in our area. If you live in the area, please write a letter (to your local mayor and town council) demanding this needless destruction of our old trees, stop immediately. Please Email a copy to defendourtrees.com
- 2) Please also read "Rooting out Problems" at my site or google it yourself.

It explains: "simple measures for saving trees during construction", which is the biggest cause of killing our trees. Most importantly, you will recognize what will harm a tree. Make a commitment to share this information with your children and friends.

Instagram @DefendOurTreesNJ to see other sites and locations.

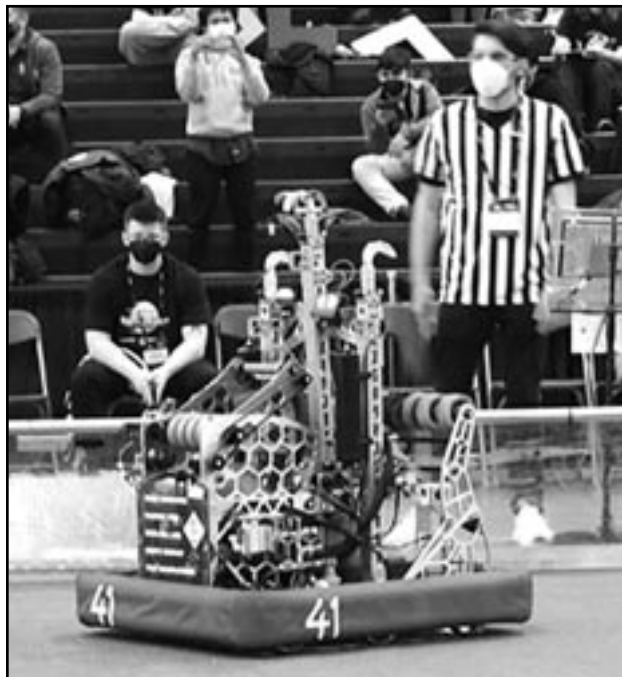


(above) Some interesting things have been pulled out of the river during the annual Earth Day River Clean-up events

ROBOWARRIORS SECURE 2ND PLACE VICTORY IN FIRST QUALIFIERS

Submitted by Leanna Wellerding

Watchung Hills Regional High School Team 41 RoboWarriors added a 2nd place ranking victory and an award for Excellence in



(above) Team 41 RoboWarriors robot – at this writing, name has not yet been announced.

Engineering to their long list of achievements, during the weekend of March 5th-6th, 2022.

At the FMA District Bridgewater-Raritan Event, part of the international FIRST® (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) competition, held at Bridgewater-Raritan Regional High School, the team competed against 35 other teams from within the First Mid-Atlantic District in a series of qualifying matches. The team earned Rank 2 with a record of 13-4-1 and won the following awards:

- District Event Finalist
- Excellence in Engineering Award

This marks the teams 25th year and 52nd official event with FIRST®. The drive team and team captains Victor Johansson, Aaron Binstock, Mason DiGiorgio and Luka Hadzic, with the oversight of supervising teacher Peter Ponzio, led their team to near victory, with a one-point loss in the final round.

During the 2021-2022 robotics season, FIRST® FORWARDSM presented by Qualcomm:now going full speed ahead - teams have the power to reimagine a path forward and invent the future of transportation.

Under strict rules, with limited time and

resources, FIRST® Robotics Competition teams use sophisticated technology to build and program industrial-sized robots to play a themed field game in an action-packed alliance format.

Beginning with the livestreamed season kickoff on January 8th, teams had just two months to engineer their remotely controlled computerized robotic vehicles, determine their strategy and train their drive team. Team 41 is composed of 40+ students, serving on sub-group committees of Programming, Mechanical, Electrical and Design.

The team will next compete in the FMA District Montgomery Event which will take place April 1-3 at Montgomery High School and hope to maintain good standing for the FIRST Mid-Atlantic District Championship at Lehigh University on April 7-April 9, 2022.

Team sponsors include: Picatinny Arsenal/The Knotts Company/Nokia Bell Labs/Picut Manufacturing/Warren Lions Club/Intuitive Surgical/Thor Labs/P&R Fasteners Inc./Advent Industrial/Offaly Associates LLC/Advanced Circuits/Watchung Hills Education and Technology Foundation & Watchung Hills Regional High School.



(above) Watchung Hills Regional High School Team 41 RoboWarriors

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HOPE HUB CELEBRATES FIRST ANNIVERSARY

County of Morris

Morris County Sheriff James M. Gannon's Hope Hub program reached its First Anniversary, marking over 150 situations in the program's first year that critical services were brought to individuals or families identified as being at an acutely-elevated risk of needing assistance.

The anniversary was marked with a breakfast celebration and presentation at the Morris County Office of Emergency Management offices in Parsippany Township.

Hope Hub, the second program of its type in the nation, is a multidisciplinary panel made up of law enforcement, social services, mental health services, healthcare providers, treatment providers, and recovery specialists. When

representatives of various agencies identify struggling individuals and families, Hope Hub's panel of professionals tries to connect with them and link them to life-changing services.

Hope Hub is an expansion of the Sheriff's Hope One project. Hope One is a mobile recovery access vehicle, in operation for nearly five years, that enters communities to offer critical support to persons struggling with addiction, to prevent drug overdoses, and to provide mental health services.

Spearheaded by Hope Hub Coordinator Officer Chelsea Whiting, the Hope Hub panel meets each week to determine if an individual or family, identified as at-risk by law enforcement, the courts, service agencies, or nonprofits, would

benefit from various service sectors. Those applicable agencies then work together as a team to do a door knock or intervention.

Hope Hub's success prompted adding a Social Case Worker—Kim Cacciabeve—to the team.

The Morris County Sheriff's Office is proud to work with partners such as the Morris County Prosecutor's Office, the Mental Health Association, the Center for Addiction, Recovery, Education & Success (CARES), the Morris County Chiefs of Police Association, Interfaith Food Pantry, Nourish NJ, Acenda Integrated Health, Family Promise of Morris, Child and Family Resources, and the Morris County Department of Human Services, among others.

These public and private partnerships in Morris County truly make a difference.

If you encounter someone who is at an acutely-elevated risk, refer that person to Hope Hub: morriscountynj.gov/Departments/Sheriff/Community-Programs/Hope-Hub.



(above l-r) Morris County's Hope Hub team: Clinician with the Mental Health Association of Essex and Morris Al Shurdom, Morris County Sheriff's Office Corporal Erica Valvano, Sheriff James Gannon, Hope Hub Coordinator Officer Chelsea Whiting, and CARES Peer Recovery Specialist Carrie Bailey.



(above l-r) Sheriff Gannon and Hope Hub Coordinator Officer Chelsea Whiting provide an update on Hope Hub's successful first year to the breakfast celebration attendees.

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